

FALL COLOR REPORT 10/08/07 for E-Mail

Welcome to Iowa's fall color report from the State Forest Nursery. This recording was made Monday, October 8, 2007.

Bob Honeywell

Northeast Iowa: Maples and hickories are in full color. The white oaks have changed a little but the red oaks have not shown much change. It has been raining and that does not help the color changing process. The peak time looks to be the weekend of October 13th and will probably remain throughout the following week and weekend.

John Byrd

In Southeast Iowa: Not much change from last week. The white ash, green ash, elm, silver maple and cottonwood are colorful. Sugar Maples are just starting to show a hit of purple color. No change in the oaks yet. Peak viewing time should be around the 20th of October.

Wayne Fuhlbrugge

In North Central Iowa: Many species lost leaves over the weekend due to the storms that came through. Yellows from the trees and reds from the sumac and Virginia Creeper are still visible. The oaks are starting to change but the forester predicts a low to moderate color show this year. They are expecting cool and dry weather this week which should bring about more changes. The peak should be around Oct. 20th.

George Warford

In Central Iowa: This area received some rain and wind lately which brought down some leaves from the silver maple, ash, cottonwood, walnut and elm. The silver maples in the towns are brilliant. Sumac is red and Virginia Creeper is reddish purple. The oaks are just starting to change on the outer edges and upper portions. This week is supposed to be cool and dry, so changes should continue to occur. The peak weekend will probably be the 20th of October.

Jeff Goerndt

In South Central Iowa: Ash, elm, silver maple and hickory are yellow now. Most of the walnut and cottonwoods have lost their leaves. There is more red color showing in the sumac and Virginia Creeper. Some of the oaks are just barely starting to turn. The estimated peak weekend is still October 20th.

Joe Schwartz

In Northwest Iowa: The main color showing is yellow. Ash, hickory, cottonwood, mulberry are yellow/green. They have had a lot of rain which slows down the color changing process. The peak time is being delayed until probably the weekend of the 20th providing that it dries out and gets cold enough to produce some color.

Brent Olson

In Southwest Iowa: There hasn't been much change occurring due to the rain they have received. The ash trees are still displaying yellow and orange colors. The sumac is red. The bur oaks are still green. Peak will probably be a little later this year – around Oct 18th or so providing they get some drier, cooler weather.

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